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In re Application of:)

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Application No.: 09/891,471)

Filed: June 27, 2001)

For: PICKUP DEVICE FOR RECORDING)
OR REPRODUCING INFORMATION)
TO AND FROM A MULTI-LAYERED)
RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING A)
PHOTODETECTOR WITH A)
NORMALIZED DETECTOR SIZE)
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in an Office Action issued by the Chinese Patent Office on June 27, 2003 in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action and an English translation is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration, together with the listed documents.

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CN 1193161A is listed on the accompany PTO Form 1449 and is in a language other than English.. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached copy of
✓ corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,041,031, corresponding Japanese Kokai No. 10-188320, the
✓ attached English abstract of Japanese Kokai No. 10-188320, and from its citation in the attached Chinese Office Action and the attached English translation of the Chinese Office Action.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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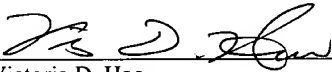
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